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Covid-19:

Activation for recovery

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Employment Confederation (WEC) are jointly organizing a webinar on **Activation for recovery**. It brings together social partners, representatives from public and private employment services, government policymakers and academia to discuss igniting labour market activation in the wake of the Covid-19 Crisis

Key takeaways

The webinar will shed light on:

- Latest insights on shaping Activation policies in response to the Covid-19 crisis
 - How public and private employment services can contribute to labour market activation
 - How to shape skilling policies as part of activation
 - Implementing Active Labour Market Policies and Skilling under fiscal constraints
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PROGRAMME

10:00 – Introduction

Setting the scene and the format

Mr Tom Hadley, Moderator

10:10 - Section I: Setting the infrastructure for activation

In its wake Covid-19 left many without a job. Getting them back requires Activation strategies that enable people of all backgrounds to find new and decent work fast. What lessons can governments and social partners learn from earlier crises and what new insights can support activation for recovery? How to implement activation under fiscal scrutiny and what role for private employment services?

Speakers:

- *Ms Kristine Langenbacher*
Activation team
OECD Employment Labour and Social Affairs Department
- *Mr Denis Pennel*
Managing Director
World Employment Confederation
- *Ms Susanne Kraatz*
Expert
World Association of Public Employment Services

Audience engagement: The most important Activation levers to pull?

Panelist will engage on audience input on the most important levers for effective and efficient Activation frameworks for Recovery

10:45- Section II: Skilling and Career Guidance for Activation

What Skill Strategies are needed for quick and sustainable integration? How to leverage career guidance to strengthen skilling investments and how to finance the skilling challenge?

Speakers:

- *Mr Pedro Moreno da Fonseca*
Technical Specialist on Lifelong Learning
ILO Skills and Employability Branche
- *Ms Murielle Antille*
Chair Career Management Taskforce
World Employment Confederation
- *Mr Paul Comyn*
Senior Skills and Employability Specialist
ILO Skills and Employability Branche

Audience engagement: The Keywords for Skilling for recovery

Pannellist will respond to audience input on the most important aspects of skilling for activation

11:20 - Wrap Up

Speakers:

Mr Sangheon Lee

Director, ILO Employment Policy Department

Ms Annemarie Muntz

President, World Employment Confederation

11:30 – End

ABOUT THIS SERIES OF WEBINARS

The Covid-19 pandemic is causing unprecedented turmoil in the labour markets. Recent estimates by the ILO show that 2.7 billion workers, representing 81 per cent of the global workforce, were affected by the full or partial lockdown measures implemented to contain the pandemic and an equivalent of 305 million full time jobs will be lost in the second quarter of 2020. Workers in the informal and gig economies are the hardest hit as are the workers in worst affected sectors such as retail, trade, transportation, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing. Low- and middle-income countries face particular risks of high numbers of workers falling into poverty, unemployment and threatened livelihoods during recovery. This results from the disproportionate share of informality in total employment and poor access to health services and social protection. As many countries ease lockdowns and mobility restrictions, workers start to go back to work. Return-to-work policies and activation measures for the unemployed, including those that lost their jobs or have to change jobs or occupations due the pandemic, should be well reflected.

In the framework of the ILO-WEC collaboration, a series of webinars are organised throughout the summer of 2020 to exchange knowledge and discuss policy options for a sustained recovery and reintegration of workers in decent employment. The outcomes of the discussions will inform support actions to the constituency of both organizations and promote further collaboration between them. The webinars will address the impact of the pandemic on employment, employment services and social protection and will take stock of responses, initiatives and lessons learned that could inspire the road to recovery.

For any information about the webinar, please contact employmentservices@ilo.org